

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2272  
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REPLACEMENT OF OLD ROAD CROSSING GATES  
ANANTRAO GUDHE

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that railway-road crossing gates installed by the railways 50-60 years ago are of no use, keeping in view the increase in population; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government for replacement of these railway crossing gates with gates of bigger size?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b) : Level crossing gate widths are provided commensurate with the requirement of road widths. The upgradation of level crossings is done based on TVUs (Train Vehicle Unit is the figure arrived at by multiplying the number of Road vehicles and number of trains passing on the level crossing during the 24 hours). Census of traffic at level crossings is taken once every five years. Further to improve operation of gate opening & closure, gate leaves at level crossing gates are replaced by lifting barriers in a programmed manner.